and Company, Madras, for re-absorbing all the workers, who have been retrenched, in the new concern Vummidiyars' Manufacturers, Limited; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request in the memorandum was considered by the Government and it was found that as the award of the Industrial Tribunal, Madras, in the dispute was in force only till 23rd July 1948, the management could not be asked to absorb all the workers and that the workers were not also entitled to any gratuity, as the award did not contain any direction to that effect. Sri S. Krishnamoorthi was informed accordingly.

* 67 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any dispute is pending disposal in connection with re-absorption of workers retrenched due to a strike in 1951 in Messrs. Spencer and Company, Madras ; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Registration of handlooms

* 68 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have issued orders to get all the handlooms in the State registered during June 1956?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government of India have issued an order on 8th May 1956 that no person shall, after the commencement of that order, use or have in his possession any handloom unless it is registered and registration certificate issued in respect thereof is in force. The Director of Handlooms is taking steps to register the handlooms in this State in pursuance of this order.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, in registering handloom weavers, they are registering only house owners and not the tenant weavers in the house or the wage labourers for weaving in that house. Therefore, may I know whether the Government will instruct their officers who are registering these men to register all weavers including the wage labourers and tenant weavers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would suggest to the hon. Member to give this in writing to me so that I may look into it.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Sir, does this registration imply that no further licence for registration of handlooms will be allowed after a particular date?